

## **PARENT(S) BLESSING OF THE BAR/BAT MITZVAH**

Guidelines for parents' (optional) remarks:

1. Prepare your words in advance. All talks should be written out and be no longer than one page, double-spaced, 12 pt. font.
2. Each parent is invited to speak. If more than one parent will speak, decide beforehand who will speak first.
3. If you prefer not to write your own talk, the Rabbi can provide you with a parent prayer.
4. Remember to speak about your child's unique character and qualities. Please refrain from sharing stories that will embarrass your child. Try to articulate why this day is so special to you and why being Jewish is important to you.
5. Bring a printed copy of your talk to the rehearsal. All talks are reviewed by the Rabbi at that time.
6. Enjoy!